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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/580,607 :  
FILED: MAY 25, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3679  
FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING A :  
HERMETIC TUBULAR JOINT  
COMPRISING LOCAL AND INITIAL  
ADDED THICKNESS(ES), BY MEANS OF  
PLASTIC EXPANSION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.